

SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Lisa Cook and Supervisory Patent Examiner Long Le for conducting an interview on for this case on October 18, 2007. Applicants submit this Summary setting forth a statement of the substance of the in-person interview that occurred on October 18, 2007.

Brief Description of the Nature of any Exhibit Shown or any Demonstration Conducted:

None.

Identification of the Claims Discussed:

Independent claims 1, 3 and 6.

Identification of Specific References Discussed:

U.S. Patent No. 6,358,939 to Hayes

U.S. Patent No. 5,552,292 to Uchida

Identification of the Principle Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature Discussed:

Proposed amendments to amend claims to be directed to obtaining a human fecal sample from a person at a first and second time to monitor inflammation in a person with IBD

The General Thrust of the Principal Arguments of Applicant and the Examiner:

That the proposed claim limitations patentably distinguish over the aforementioned references and other prior art of record.

General Indication Of Any Other Pertinent Matters Discussed:

Applicants offered to submit the claim in a formal response, attached herewith.